

Another man thought that it would have no such effect, as a majority of the farmers that would syndicate a stallion could, if they chose, raise the money and buy their horse for cash. Mr. Burns of Napinka, who had belonged to the syndicate who had bought Woodend Gartley, said he was sure if they had had to pay cash the horse would never have been bought. What "non negotiable" really means seemed to be but indifferently understood by many present. Mr. Galbraith pointed out that if dealers sold fifty horses in a season and had to hold all the paper, no dealer could afford to do it. Dr. S. J. Thompson suggested that notes be made in such a way that each man in a syndicate would only be responsible for the amount of his own note, and not for the total price of the horse, his suggestion met with approval, a vote showed that the meeting was not in favor of making notes given for stallions, non-negotiable.

#### CATTLE BREEDERS HELD SESSION.

The meeting of the cattle breeders was well attended by many, other than members, it being the last of the livestock series. People were interested in finding who got elected to the directorate, such being the consolation prizes.

President Barron's address was statesmanlike and full of meat as was to be expected from a breeder of the beef type of cattle and was broad in its scope. Mr. Barron hoped the provincial government would be generous in its aid to the livestock associations and landed the painstaking work of secretary G. H. Greig, and urged the establishment of a provincial fat stock show, pointing out that Alberta and Saskatchewan were ahead of Manitoba in that respect. He eulogised the efforts of the Dominion Government and railways in their Seed Grain Special work and spoke of the successful sale held by the association, aided as it was by the L. S. C. at Ottawa.

The financial statement was satisfactory, as is seen below, all members had had ample time to peruse it; the combined reports being sent out by the Secretary some weeks previous to the meetings.

INCOME.	
To Cash on hand .....	\$ 15 78
"Transportation of stock to N.	
W. T., 1904 .....	96 00
"Government grant .....	200 00
"Membership fees .....	191 00
"Transportation of stock to N.	
W. T., 1905 .....	96 65
"Office rent .....	22 95
"Provincial auction sale receipts..	6,035 51
"Unpresented cheque.. ..	24 20
	\$6,682 09
OUTGO.	
By Balance of office rent, 1904 ....	\$ 30 20
"Office rent, telephone, furnishings, etc. ....	82 65
"Convention expenses .....	68 20
"Stationery, printing, postage etc ..	40 35
"Directors' expenses .....	82 25
"Secretary's salary .....	100 00
"Transportation of stock .....	82 01
"Diplomas.....	26 10
"Provincial Auction Sale expenditure .....	5,972 65
"Balance on hand at bank \$195 68	
"Cash on hand .....	2 00
	197 68
	\$6,682 09

That the midnight oil was not wasted was evidenced by Jas. Bray's report of his work as representative of the cattle men on the Winnipeg Fair board. He laid emphasis on the disastrous system of having no general manager for the fair, and called attention to the increased exhibit of Shorthorns and the need of increased facilities for ring judging, saying that the cattle men deserved better at the hands of the exhibition. In this regard he recommended that the exhibition begin on Monday and close on Friday night and that all judging be done early in the week so that breeders may get the advantage of having prize ribbons in place when visitors pass through the stables.

The association recognised the arduous work done by George H. Greig in getting up the cattle sale and bringing it to a successful conclusion by voting an honorarium of \$50 in addition to his regular salary. Officers were elected as follows: President, Sam Martin, Rounthwaite; first vice-president, Geo. Allison, Burnside; sec-

ond vice-president, Henry English, Harding; directors, Shorthorns, Andrew Graham, Pomeroy; Herefords, James Bray, Portage la Prairie; Aberdeen Angus, Walter Clifford, Austin; Holsteins, M. Oughton, Middlechurch; Ayrshires, Geo. Steel, M.P.P., Glenboro; Red Polls, H. V. Clendenning, Harding; additional directors, Waldo Greenway, S. Benson and John Rankin. Representatives to Winnipeg and Brandon Fair boards, Jas. Bray and Wm. Chalmers respectively. Auditors, Geo. Batho and Dr. Hopkins. The executive consists of Messrs. S. Benson and A. Graham and the presidents. A motion was also passed that a meeting of the Nat. Live-stock Assoc. to be held annually, and that an early date be set, Messrs. Clifford and Benson being the movers. A resolution was passed which left the time and location of the next cattle sale to the executive. The Manitoba Agricultural College director is Principal W. J. Black, the other associations making similar provision so as to keep in touch with the work of the college and also to show the interest taken in the great work undertaken. The temporary livestock pavilion was crowded, the acoustics being far from perfect, owing to the birds, fanning mills and other noise makers in the upper story. Messrs. Cook and Grayston contributed two very practical papers on 'Beef cattle feeding in Manitoba.' Votes of thanks were tendered Messrs. Elford, Grisdale, Murray and Ness for their efforts in aiding Secretary Greig and the W. A. A. Association to make the Winter Fair a success, and also to the following who contributed livestock for demonstration purposes, the Experimental Farm, hogs; Trotter & Trotter and J. Nelles, horses; Sam Martin, Rounthwaite, Aberdeen Angus; J. A. Chapman, Herefords; Wm. Chalmers and Henry Nichol, Shorthorns.

#### THE FIRST PROVINCIAL STALLION SHOW.

The Wheat city has for years held great summer shows, its forte being the exhibit of horses, especially the drafters. Clydesdales predominate, due so Archie McPhail says "to the fact the farmers around are all Scotch Presbyterians and each keeps a good draft brood mare;" although we think by the successful efforts of Irish and English, it would be safe to retort 'there are others' as the Irishmen and Englishmen get 'a look in' quite frequently.

Seldom has Robert Ness been up against such a proposition, demanding as it did suavity and horse knowledge of no mean order, and that his judgments were not acceptable to every individual owner or onlooker was only to be expected, and as the epitaph on the cowboy's tombstone read 'he did his damndest, no man can do more.'

Excitement was at fever heat, and partisanship ran high and we doubt if every one agrees even yet as to the merits of the different horses, and it would be futile to attempt to reconcile the difference of opinion. Nine aged stallions paraded in the City Hall Square and went up and down accompanied by the plaudits of those assembled. Cairnhill came out in better shape than ever before, went well, is in fact a splendid specimen of a draft horse; the Galbraith stables had out some topnotchers in Baron Afton and Baron Robgill, the first named a low set fellow with lots of quality and ability to move, what he may lose in muscling or substance, he balances with quality and breed character. The judge was hardly as fortunate in his choice for third horse, as it seems to us that the Graham entry, Storm King, might have been placed a notch higher, and it is no discredit to the third prize horse to say so, the black horse from Carberry had quality and style to burn and while a very short person may look under his belly, he is not yet thickened out and with more flesh on him would undoubtedly have won his way further up. Several horses with reputations were there, but every man and horse have their day and are "has beens" afterwards. Nick O'Time got fifth and begins to show his age, as does Cloth of Gold, both good horses yet, but in a battle of giants forced to play the part of onlookers.

The class for horses foaled in 1902 brought out seven horses, the shortlet bringing two sons of Hiawatha, in Perpetual Motion (W. H. Bryce, Arcola, Sask.) and (Macmillan, Colquhoun and Beattie's, Brandon) Fiscal Policy for first and third, the former being made champion of the breed; sandwiched between these colts sprung from the loins of Hiawatha, was that right good horse, Show King (Alex. Galbraith & Son, Brandon). The three winners are well worthy of a place in any Manitoba show ring, and the evidence of the quality of the stock is shown, when

Balcray by Up To Time, did not get a place. The class of nine 1903 colts was whittled to three for the money, Chief Boss being first, and the two Carberry horses (Baron Marshall and Baron Wales) second and third, we would have placed the half-brothers in the reverse order, but not being the judge, the ruling stands. Perpetual Motion won the championship, Cairnhill being reserve.

In Shires there was a small entry, Newton won with a pretty good imported horse, a son of Holland Major being second. In Percherons, Stout had first, second and champion with Medoc and Porte Boone. Gay Pioneer, a flash actor from the Galbraith barns, was first and champion in Hackneys. Jim Bryson had it hands down in Standard Breds, and Galbraiths in Thoroughbreds with Howard S.

The stallion show was a success and held the crowd to the rails of the enclosure to the finish.

#### MANITOBA GRAIN GROWERS' CONVENTION.

Owing to lack of space we are forced to hold over the report of the convention of Manitoba Grain Growers for a week, along with many of the papers delivered.

## FIELD NOTES

#### Events of the World.

##### CANADIAN.

At a meeting of the Dominion Cabinet a commission, consisting of Judge McTavish, Ottawa, J. W. Langmuir, Toronto and A. L. Kent, Montreal, was appointed to investigate life insurance in Canada. This commission has been given authority to employ expert assistants, to summon witnesses and require them to give evidence or produce documents deemed necessary to a complete investigation.

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In the Manitoba Legislature a resolution was unanimously adopted urging on the Dominion Government the necessity for a readjustment of the financial relation between the Province of Manitoba and the Dominion. Attention was drawn to the fact that the grants made to the Province by the Dominion are practically the same as were granted when Confederation was established, yet the revenue of the federal authorities has advanced to large proportions.

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The Grain and Flour section of the Toronto Board of Trade have presented a resolution to the government showing the desirability of offering generous terms to Newfoundland and the West Indies to enter Confederation. The annexation of the West Indies would give Canada tropical products at reduced cost, and Newfoundland would be supplied with a good market for fish and provide a good flour market.

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The third annual dinner of the Old Timer's Association was held in Winnipeg on March 1st. Over a hundred men who had seen the West grow from its beginning were gathered round the board. Speeches were made by Captain Allan, Rev. Father Drummond, Lieut. Col. Scott, Hon. Colin Inkster, Andrew Strang, and others, who recalled the varied experiences incident to the awakening of the West, and connected with its early history. The menu which was above criticism consisted almost entirely of articles of food produced in Manitoba.

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Prince Arthur of Connaught on his return journey from Japan, expects to arrive in Victoria, B. C. on the 28th of March. He will reach Winnipeg on the 10th of April, the intervening time being occupied by visits to Vancouver, Glacier, Field, Banff, Calgary and Edmonton.

##### BRITISH AND FOREIGN.

The death is announced of James Arthur Laing, who conveyed the body of the great African missionary and explorer, David Livingstone, from Zanzibar to London.

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Kaiser Wilhelm and Empress Augusta of Germany recently celebrated their silver wedding anniversary.

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The British House of Commons has appropriated \$273,000 to compensate France for the loss of her fishing rights on the coast of Newfoundland.

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The Labor party in Great Britain has brought in their first bill, which aims to empower local authorities to provide food for underfed school children.

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The revolutionary movement in Venezuela is becoming more active. Those who are dissatisfied with President Castro's administration are concentrating on Trinidad Island and making preparations to land on the Venezuelan coast.